



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 50, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 6 October 2020

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Pastor Peter Anderson, Destiny Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revised Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22959— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 6 October 2020

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 7 October 2020

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 8 October 2020

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Shaping Scotland's Economy: Scotland's Inward Investment Plan

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS remobilisation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Miners' Strike Review

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Response to the Mental Health Challenge of Covid-19

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.55 pm Decision Time

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Response to the Mental Health Challenge of Covid-19

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Debate on First Minister's Statement: COVID-19

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Trade Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Delayed UK Budget: Implications for Scottish Budget.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Report on Coronavirus Legislation.

6. COVID-19: Review of Scottish Government's Approach to International Development: The Minister for Europe and International Development (Jenny Gilruth) moved S5M-22949—That the Parliament welcomes the renewed commitment of the Scottish Government to make the maximum possible contribution to the wellbeing of its international development partner countries, and notes its intention to refresh that approach in co-operation with the Parliament, its partner country governments and charities and other bodies in Scotland and overseas in order to take full account of the shared global challenge presented by the impact and effects of COVID-19.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S5M-22949.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22949 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (COVID-19: Review of Scottish Government's Approach to International Development), insert at end “; recognises that the UK Government has pledged £774 million in aid, as at the end of July 2020, to protect millions of people in the developing world from coronavirus, and welcomes the UK Government's statutory commitment to spending 0.7% of gross national income on international aid, which became law in 2015.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-22949.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22949 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (COVID-19: Review of Scottish Government's Approach to International Development), leave out from “, and notes its intention” to “in order to” and insert “; notes that work is currently underway to review its approach to international development with the intention of completing this by the end of 2020; calls for this review to include meaningful consultation with the Parliament, its partner country governments and charities and other bodies in Scotland and overseas; values the work done by organisations in Scotland to promote international development; recognises the important role of civic society in partner countries to Scotland's approach to international development, and urges the Scottish Government to include them in a consultation to reflect their knowledge and expertise, and agrees that the approach should”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the renewed commitment of the Scottish Government to make the maximum possible contribution to the wellbeing of its international development partner countries; notes that work is currently underway to review its approach to international development with the intention of completing this by the end of 2020; calls for this review to include meaningful consultation with the Parliament, its partner country governments and charities and other bodies in Scotland and overseas; values the work done by organisations in Scotland to promote international development; recognises the important role of civic society in partner countries to Scotland's approach to international development, and urges the Scottish Government to include them in a

consultation to reflect their knowledge and expertise; agrees that the approach should take full account of the shared global challenge presented by the impact and effects of COVID-19; recognises that the UK Government has pledged £774 million in aid, as at the end of July 2020, to protect millions of people in the developing world from coronavirus, and welcomes the UK Government's statutory commitment to spending 0.7% of gross national income on international aid, which became law in 2015.

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22960— That the Parliament agrees that—

George Adam be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as a member of the Education and Skills Committee

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace George Adam as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Changing Miscarriage Care: The Parliament debated S5M-22771 in the name of Shona Robison—That the Parliament notes the launch of the campaign, Changing Miscarriage Care, which aims to open a conversation and breakdown the stigma regarding miscarriage, while campaigning for practical changes to the provision of miscarriage services in Scotland; recognises what it sees as the devastating impact that miscarriage can have on couples, who can often be left feeling unsupported and in search of answers; understands that there are already some very good pregnancy services, and notes the aim to make sure that this is the case everywhere in order to provide timely and dignified care to every pregnant woman across Scotland, including in the Dundee City East constituency.

10. Motion Without Notice: Shona Robison moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
6 October 2020

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 5 October 2020—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 824)

The following report was published on 6 October 2020—

Local Government and Communities Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee on 23 September 2020 (SP Paper 825)

Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 October 2020 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/307)
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 October 2020 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2021 [draft]
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 October 2020 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Independent Review of Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/305)
laid under section 23(1) and 82(1) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2020 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/308)

laid under section 15 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

Electronic Monitoring (Relevant Disposals) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/309)

laid under section 15 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 October 2020 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning, Management of Extractive Waste and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/310)

laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 2 October 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Patients Hospitalised Due to COVID-19, A Plan for Scotland, September 2020 SG/2020/206 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Distribution of Income and Growth in Income Tax Revenue - October 2020 (SFC/2020/12) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Supplementary Forecast Evaluation Report: Income Tax - October 2020 – (SFC/2020/13) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 October 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Coronavirus Acts: third report to Scottish Parliament (SG/2020/186) laid under section 15 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 (SG/2020/144) laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2019-20 (SG/2020/194) laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scotland's Population 2019 - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends (SG/2020/74) laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

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